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| 1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CF | | | |
| $2. \boxtimes$ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered to | pecause: | | |
| (a) X they raise new issues that would require furth | ner consideration and/or search (| (see NOTE below); | |
| (b) \square they raise the issue of new matter (see Note | below); | | |
| (c) they are not deemed to place the application issues for appeal; and/or | in better form for appeal by mat | erially reducing or s | implifying the |
| (d) they present additional claims without cance | ling a corresponding number of | finally rejected clair | ns. |
| NOTE: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> . | | | |
| 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following reje | ction(s): | | |
| 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would canceling the non-allowable claim(s). | d be allowable if submitted in a s | separate, timely filed | d amendment |
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| 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered be raised by the Examiner in the final rejection. | ecause it is not directed SOLELY | to issues which we | re newly |
| 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendmen explanation of how the new or amended claims w | | | and an |
| The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows | : | | |
| Claim(s) allowed: 24-31. | | • | |
| Claim(s) objected to: | | | |
| Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-23</u> . | | | |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: | | | |
| 8. The drawing correction filed on is a) ap | proved or b) disapproved by | the Examiner. | |
| 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Stateme | ent(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). | | |
| 10. Other: | | Aaron J. Lewis | ر) عد |

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Continuation of 2. NOTE: The amendment to the claims require further consideration and a search with respect to a continuous, annular connector and the nipple member having a single outlet opening.